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LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL  
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## *Special eNews Bulletin*

### LEEC NEWS

#### **2015-2016 GREEN SCHOOLS GRANTS ANNOUNCEMENT**

Open to accredited Pre-K-12 schools in Louisiana

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries' Environmental Education Commission (LEEC), in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), is now accepting proposals for the new 2015-2016 Green Schools Grants program. The LEEC/LDOE is offering this grant to encourage Green Ribbon Schools initiatives in accredited Louisiana schools. Proposals to be considered are those that align with pillars found in the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools Program <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/eligibility.html>.

#### General Information:

- Application deadline: May 11, 2015
- Maximum award: \$5000.00
- Applications will be accepted via electronic submission only.
- All applications will undergo an anonymous and competitive grant review process.

[2015-2016 LEEC/LDOE Green Schools Grant Guidelines](#)

[2015-2016 LEEC/LDOE Green Schools Grant Application](#)

For more information about this grants program, please visit our website at: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/eec>.

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#### **FINAL ART AND LANGUAGE ARTS CONTEST REMINDER**

#### **LOUISIANA'S 13TH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS STUDENT ART & LANGUAGE ARTS CONTEST**

Louisiana students ages 5-18 are invited to submit visual or written work centered around the theme "Biodiversity in Our World." Entries will be judged; winners will receive a cash prize and be featured in our 2016 calendar. Entries are due by April 25, 2015. Winners only will be notified by email no later than Friday, May 15, 2015. The list of winners for all categories will be posted on the LEEC website.

Visit <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisianas-environmental-awareness-student-art-language-arts-contest>.

**CONGRATULATIONS 2015 LEEC GRANTS FINALISTS!**  
**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR FINALISTS NAMES AND PROJECTS.**

2015 EDUCATOR GRANT FINALISTS				
Project Leader	Team Teacher (if applicable)	School/ Organization	Project Title	Amount
John Dupuis	Jonathan Himel	St. Thomas More Catholic High School	Cafeteria Composting	\$1965
Michelle Grantham	Dianna Hammond	Villa del Rey	Science and the Great Outdoors	\$1942
Paul LeBlanc	Windy Mobley	L. W. Higgins High School	Wind Variation	\$1998
Mary Legoria	Pam Fry	Westdale Heights Academic Magnet	Getting Our Feet Wet in the Wetlands	\$2000
Adams Lintz		Green Park Elementary	Butterfly Investigations	\$898
Helen Umstead		Scott Middle School	Modeling Environmental Leadership	\$1000
SUBTOTAL				\$9803
2015 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FINALIST				
Project Leader	Agency Affiliation		Project Name	Amount
Stephanie Krouse	Academic Distinction Fund		Pre-K Private Eyes - Exploring Our Small, Small World	\$2500
SUBTOTAL				\$2500
2015 UNIVERSITY GRANT FINALISTS				
Project Leader	School	Project Title		Amount
Warwick Allen	Louisiana State University	The role of fungi, nutrient availability and competition in wetland plant invasions		\$1200
Alexander Ameen	Tulane University	Spatial and temporal trends in a freshwater wetland seed bank		\$1162
John Anjier	Southeastern Louisiana University	Assessing the impact of flooding and nutrients on three wetland plant species found along the Louisiana Gulf Coast		\$1200
Andrew Flick	Louisiana State University	The effects of predation on disease transmission in soybean loopers ( <i>Pseudoplusia includens</i> )		\$1200
Sarah Giltz	Tulane University	Effects of ocean acidification on intermolt duration and growth of the juvenile blue crab in the Northern Gulf of Mexico		\$1200
Rachel Harman	Louisiana State University	Different forms of density dependent dispersal and their effects on population dynamics		\$1200
Michael Henson	Louisiana State University	Assessment of wetlands on the Louisiana coast using baseline microbial community structure and developing microbial indices		\$1138
Katherine Hovanes	Louisiana State University	Effect of spatial pattern of a dominant competitor on community assembly processes		\$1200
Zhen Xu	Louisiana State University	Assessment of Stable Isotopes of Dissolved Oxygen and Dissolved Inorganic Carbon in Catahoula Lake		\$1200
SUBTOTAL				\$10,700
TOTAL AWARDED				\$23,003

## **CONTEST**

### **GLOBAL PRECIPITATION MEASUREMENT (GPM) "SIGNS OF SPRING" PHOTO CONTEST**

Get out your cameras and show GPM the signs of spring in your area - from April showers to dew-drops on flowers. Demonstrate how precipitation influences spring in your area, then post your coolest photos of the signs of spring, and GPM will choose the best ones to post on the NASA Precipitation Measurement Missions websites (<http://pmm.nasa.gov> & <http://www.nasa.gov/gpm>).

The submission period is from 3/30/15 - 4/27/15. Visit <http://pmm.nasa.gov/gpm-signs-of-spring-photo-contest> for more information.

## **LAGNIAPPE**

### **ZOO-TO-DO FOR KIDS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>Early Admittance</b>	<b>General Admittance</b>
Friday, April 24, 2015 at Audubon Zoo	Sponsor and Patron Admittance Regions Bank VIP Hospitality Tent 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tickets: \$40	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Audubon Member: \$20 Non-Member: \$25

Benefit event for children of all ages where Audubon Zoo is transformed into a magical play land.  
Buy tickets [here](#).

### **CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS WEBINAR**

Thursday, April 23, 2015  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pacific

The National Girls Collaborative Project is partnering with Click2SciencePD to showcase the "Connecting with Community Partners" collection of training resources designed to support educators with building partnerships to enhance and extend their STEM programs.

Visit [this site](#) to register.

### **GET INVOLVED IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK**

From April 19th to 25th, students and educators across the country will be celebrating environmental education and stewardship.

Whether you are an educator looking to engage your students and inspire real-world problem-solving in the classroom, a homeschooling parent looking to encourage leadership in your children or a community leader looking to promote local habitat conservation, participating in EE Week is a terrific way to enhance learning and bring about positive change in your school and community.

Register at <http://eeweek.org/register>.

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